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SUBSTITUTE BILL PLANNED FOR ROAD LEVY

**PROPOSED TO AMEND ROBERTS
HIGHWAY BILL SPONSORED BY
COCHISE DELEGATION; RE-
PORTED SUBSTITUTE BILL IS
AGREED UPON IN CAUCUS OF
OF DEMOCRATIC MAJORITY IN
THE LEGISLATURE.**

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 7.—Following the voting of senate highway bill number 17 by the governor, the majority in the legislature has decided to introduce a substitute for the Roberts bill sponsored by the Cochise delegation in the house, to raise an annual levy through the counties of a sum in the neighborhood of two millions dollars for road purposes, according to the decision of a democratic caucus said to have been held last today.

Today the senate passed a resolution placing on the calendar as special order of business consideration of highway legislation and this was set for 2:30 o'clock tomorrow.

The Roberts measure which is still pending, left optional with the counties a proposed road tax levy of five mills and lifted the ten per cent limit on taxes on assessed valuations. It also confined the building of roads to a strictly county basis under the direction of the supervisors, while the new proposal is said to provide for an arrangement whereby the state and the counties will work together, and with the federal government to give Arizona the benefit of federal appropriations as well.

Like the vetoed highway bill, the Roberts bill carries an emergency clause, its original intention, explained when it was introduced, being to provide work for unemployed men during the present unsettled period.

SPEER SAYS HE BROUGHT BOOZE

TUSCON, Ariz., Mar 7.—Joe Speer, a Douglas taxi driver, one of the 10 defendants in the case of the United States against Harry C. Wilson, et al, charged with conspiracy to violate the Reed amendment, on trial in the United States district court here today, was put on the stand by his attorney D. A. Richardson, of Douglas, in the midst of the government's offering of testimony, and made a statement confessing that he drove a car loaded with whiskey from Rodeo to Douglas upon the order of Bart Hockett, one of the defendants, and that Harry Wilson and Cleo Wilson, defendants, also drove whiskey loaded cars from Rodeo to Douglas. His testimony did not affect any of the other defendants. Speer, with his attorney, had dissociated himself from the other defendants since the start of the trial by sitting some distance from them and by declining to be bound by objection of other attorneys for defendants.

The court today admitted 23 of the government exhibits of documentary evidence, mostly telegrams alleged by the government to have passed between the defendants in furtherance of the alleged conspiracy. Records of the internal revenue service were also submitted today, purporting to show the daily receipts and disposals of whiskey by defendant D. M. Phillips, a former whiskey dealer of Rodeo, N. M. This documentary evidence will probably be given to the jury tomorrow.

WEEKLY REVIEW OF ROAD WORK IN COCHISE CO.

There has been practically no new developments in the road work of Cochise county for the past week, with the exception of the fact that all the work is being pushed with energy that is needed at this time.

The county has its crews working in the same localities as reported in the weekly resume of road work last week. The state department is pushing its work with great rapidity west from Tombstone, and the highway commission as previously noted in these columns, has let the contract for the two span Laten Arch bridge over Silver Creek and has also let the bridges, dips and culverts on the Silver Creek to Bernardino Station, and the Cochise to Pearce sections of the bond issue work. They have also awarded the grading contract on the Pearce to Servoss road. On the 15th they will open bids for the Silver Creek and Servoss to Cochise sections for the grading. The work between Bisbee and Douglas is being pushed ahead by all contractors.

Contractor Atkins, who has the grading section two will shortly complete his work. Faton and Smith, who have all the work on Section one the Lowell to Forrest Ranch division, are doing good work on all of their section as to progress. George Oswald who has the paving of section three and bridges and culverts and dips on sections two and three, is about ready to go ahead with his work in result producing style.

On the Tombstone to Benson section one of the sub-contractors has gone south and the original contractor has taken over the work and arranged to push it to completion. All other contractors are making satisfactory headway.

American citizens are on all the work now.

**BANKERS ARRIVE IN NOGALES
TO ATTEND CONVENTION**

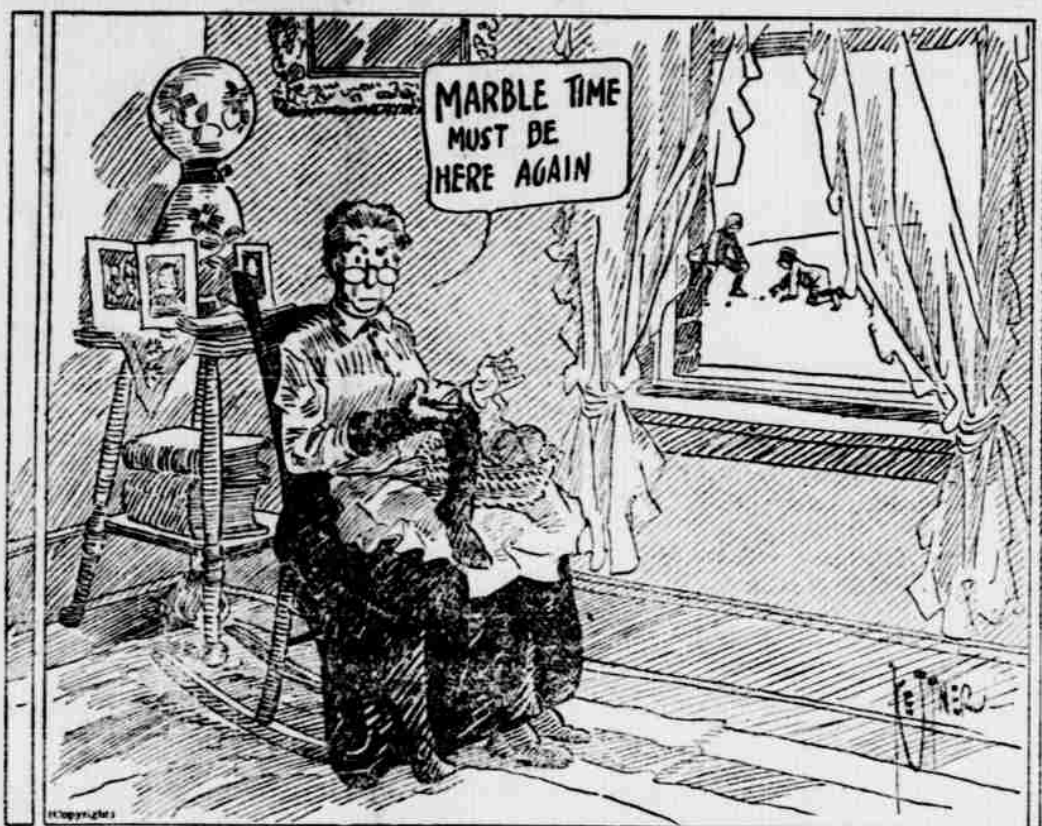
NOGALES, Ariz., March 7.—Delegates to the Arizona Bankers' convention that is to be held here tomorrow and Saturday started to arrive on this morning's train and by automobile. By noon a large number of the bankers had arrived, and all afternoon they were straggling in. The major portion of the bankers are coming by auto, it is reported.

The first session of the bankers' convention will be held at the Santa Cruz club tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock. It is believed the first session will continue all afternoon and that the bankers will then adjourn until Saturday morning. The convention will be in session all day Saturday, it is reported.

The following bankers are registered at the Montezuma hotel: Mose Drachman, of Tucson; C. A. McDonald, of Blaine; R. N. Fredericks, and Morris Goldwater, Prescott; Paul Hardy, New York and J. U. Calkins, San Francisco.

El Paso bankers left their home this morning for Nogales, and will arrive here tomorrow morning, on the 11 o'clock train; those included in the party are Sam Lawder, manager of the El Paso branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of the 11th district; Alfred W. Kerr, president of the El Paso Clearing House; Edward W. Keyser, vice president of the First National Bank; L. J. Gilchrist, H. V. Watson, and T. M. Quiddieaux, Mr. H. E. Christie, connected with one of the national banks of El Paso is also coming to the convention, he is motoring overland.

It Happens About This Time of Year



VETOED HIGHWAY BILL TO BE UP IN SENATE AGAIN

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 7.—Tomorrow afternoon in the senate chamber promises to mark the opening of one of the most stormy sessions of the fourth legislature of Arizona. Then, according to a resolution passed in the senate today, senate bill 17, the highway measure which was vetoed yesterday by the governor, will be brought up again under a special order of business.

Friends and opponents of the measure were backward today in predicting what form possible action on the vetoed bill would take, some suggesting that the emergency clause would be removed and the proposed legislation rushed through in that form. Others forecast amendments which might bridge the split between the governor and the majority in the legislature. It was tacitly understood, however, that leaders of the majority in the senate would make a reply to the governor's highway bill contained in the message which carried his veto.

The highway bill, with its two year appropriation of \$3,000,000 for roads and \$200,000 to match federal aid requirements, first broke the harmony of the legislature on February 25 when the republicans charged the democratic majority with attempting to force through a measure which was purely partisan, likely to block road building in the state, and particularly designed to take from the governor the powers delegated to him by the constitution.

The main fight throughout has been on the latter contention, which is based on the bill's provision for a board to name the state highway commission. This authority, the opponents of the measure assert, should be left in the hands of the chief executive, acting with the approval of the senate. They also oppose the proposed personnel of the board named to include the president of the senate and speaker of the house.

In reply the democrats in several heated debates hurled back at the minority the charge that they were attempting to do anything new in taking authority from the governor. They assert the same thing was done two and four years ago.

HOW AND WHO GET DISCHARGED SOLDIER BONUS OF \$60

Just what soldiers not in active service must do in order to get the \$60 bonus which congress has granted them, and to what persons this bonus is available is interesting information just received by Colonel Charles W. Harris, adjutant general. It was in the form of a telegram which has been sent to all commanding officers in the United States.

Those to whom this shall NOT be paid are as follows:

"To any person who though appointed or inducted into the military or naval forces or on prior to November 11, 1918, had not reported for duty at his station on or prior to such date.

"To any person who has already received one month's pay under the provisions of Section 9 of the Act entitled:

An act to authorize the president to increase temporarily the military establishment of the United States, approved May 18, 1917.

"To any person who is entitled to retired pay.

"To the heirs or legal representatives of any person entitled to any payment under this section who has died or may die before receiving such payment.

"In the case of any person who subsequent to separation from the service as above specified has been appointed or inducted into the military or naval forces of the United States and has been or is again separated from the service as above specified, only one payment of \$60 shall be made.

"All persons separated from active military service after receipt of these instructions who are entitled to the bonus of \$60 provided for in the act above quoted will be credited with and paid such bonus open their final pay vouchers.

"In the event that they have been separated from active service prior to receipt of these instructions, but have not yet received final pay, the disbursing officer aking final settlement will include and pay the bonus of \$60 in making such settlement.

"All persons separated from active military service from April 1917, to date of receipt of these instructions, (Continued from Page Five.)

SHERIFFS WANT FOUR YEAR TERMS; TO PROPOSE LAW

PHOENIX, Ariz., March 7.—A bill providing for a four-year term of office for the sheriff will be introduced in the legislature today, the bill having been drafted at a meeting of the sheriffs or their representatives from the 14 counties of the state, which was held in this city yesterday.

The proposed amendment provides not only that the sheriff shall serve four years, but makes the provision that the officials now in office continue their term over that period.

It is understood that the bill will be introduced simultaneously in the senate and the house and that the judiciary committee in both houses will stand behind the proposed legislation.

Leading members of the legislative body, it is understood, are in favor of the measure on the ground of "efficiency in government." They are of the opinion that it takes fully a year for a sheriff to "learn the tricks of the trade," and that by the time he has qualified he must begin electioneering for another term or step aside for a new man unfamiliar with the duties of the office. Furthermore, they declare that the sheriff works with the judge and the clerk of the court, both of whom are elected for a four-year term.

Unite on One Measure

While the meeting was called to perfect a more thorough co-operation among the sheriffs of the state and to discuss many matters of vital interest to the state's welfare which could only be brought about by legislation it was agreed to concentrate on the one amendment the sheriffs firm of the conviction that with but few days remaining it would be practically impossible to accomplish more.

The four-year term was proposed by Sheriff Eugene Shute of Gila county shortly after the meeting was called to order in the blue room of the Adams hotel yesterday morning. The matter was more fully gone into last evening when Senator Elliott of Greenlee county was asked to be present at the session and aid in the passage of the bill. Senator Elliott said he was in thorough sympathy with the bill which would unquestionably (Continued from Page Five.)

CUNNINGHAM- COSTELLO CASE COMPROMISED

**SUIT INVOLVING VALUABLE CO-
CHISE MINING CLAIMS, WHICH
HAS BEEN IN COURTS FOR 3
YEARS SETTLED THIS MORNING
SUIT WAS RESULT OF CONFLICT
IN TITLES OF CLAIMS OWNED
BY PIONEERS.**

Through a compromise effected this morning by attorneys for both sides, in which the Cunningham vs. Costello case was settled out of court for the round sum of \$200,000, the suit, which has lasted over a period of three years was brought to a close.

Today was the day which had been set for hearing motion as to change of venue from this county, in which three claims were to be litigated, and when the arguments were called attorneys for both sides announced that a compromise had been agreed upon, and asked that the proceedings be dismissed, which was allowed by the court.

The case had been tried in the Superior court by Judge Lockwood, and a verdict rendered by the jury in favor of the plaintiff for \$105,000, but on three claims, the Leo, Roy and Supplement, the supreme court remanded the case for retrial. The trial was to have started sometime this month, and it was figured it would occupy at least three weeks time, since the first trial took more than that in which to enter all the evidence before the jury.

The case has been one long legal battle between eminent attorneys for both sides, and the claims involved were considered as very valuable. Attorneys appearing today were Joseph Scott and John Mason Ross for the defendants Costello, while Roy Morfoot represented the Cunningham heirs. Attorney A. N. Wright, of Tucson represented the Ives estate, Senator Ives having been chief counsel for the Cunningham heirs before his death. Attorney O. Gibson, of Tombstone, represented the George Neal estate, having been associate counsel before his death.

In the compromise of the case one of the most long drawn-out, complicated and most important suits ever tried in Cochise county has been brought to an end, and title to valuable mining properties has been settled. The case has been watched with interest throughout the county, since the parties involved are families of pioneers of the county and had been associated in a number of mining deals, the suit originating over a controversy between the heirs as to the title to the property, after the deaths of both Martin Costello and Paddy Cunningham.

**IDLENESS IN COUNTY
SHOWS GAIN OF 100**

BISBEE, Ariz., March 8.—There are 100 more idle men in the county this week than there were last week, according to figures compiled by the labor community board and which are forwarded to the department of labor at Washington every week-end. This week 1800 men are reported idle while the daily average number of men employed in Bisbee this week is 3075. The local railroad agent said that while there are many men leaving town, there is still a greater number arriving in town from the coast, evidently attracted here by the forthcoming county road building program.